

ABOUT THE WORKSHOP

Few would dispute the fact that the revolutions of 1989/91 which brought about the downfall of communist regimes in Central and Eastern Europe were emotionally charged events. Historical studies of the events of 1989/91, however, have focused mostly on presumably “rational” politics rather than the role of emotions. This workshop aims to amplify existing research on the political history of 1989/1991 by taking up a perspective inspired by recent work in the history of emotion and adjacent fields such as the history of subjectivities and the body. The workshop also aims to explore longer term perspectives on the changes in emotional regimes leading up to and resulting from the events of 1989/91.

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Emotions and the
Disintegration of
Communism in
Europe, 1970–2010

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PROGRAMME

Friday, November 3, 2017

13:00 **Registration of Participants**

13:30 – 14:00 **Welcome and Introduction**

Jan Arend and Franziska Davies

14:00 – 16:00 **Panel I: The Transformation of Emotional Regimes in the Soviet Union During Perestroika**

Courtney Doucette: The Emotional Regime of the Soviet Public Sphere

Aleksey Tikhomirov: Stigmatized Identities, the Quest for Dignity and Tearing Off the Mask during Perestroika

Commentary: Jan Plamper

Chair: Franziska Davies

16:00-16:30 **Coffee Break**

16:00 – 18:00 **Panel II: Emotions and the Breakdown of Communist Regimes in Europe**

James Krapfl: »On This Holy Emotion We Must Found the Future of the ČSSR«. Emotion, Sacrality, and Narrativity in Revolutionary Czechoslovakia, 1989-92

Valerij Gretchko: Subversive Laughter: The Role of Political Humor in the Collapse of the USSR

Commentary: Walter Sperling

Chair: Jan Arend

19:00 **Joint Dinner**

Saturday, November 4, 2017

9:30 – 11:30 **Panel III: Emotions Before and After Communism**

Konrad Sziedat: Cross-Bloc Emotional Communities. Western Solidarity with Eastern Dissidence, ca 1980-1994

Jan Arend: Stress in East-Central Europe, 1970-2000. How (Post-)Socialist Societies Dealt with Tension and Strain

Kathrin Zöller: »Do I Have to Fear the Future?« Teenagers in Saxony, 1987-1995

Commentary: Joachim Häberlen and Malte Rolf

Chair: Jana Osterkamp

12:00 – 13:00 **Lunch**

13:30 – 15:00 **Concluding Discussion**

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